

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 7, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicant appreciates the indication by the Examiner that claims 6, 7, 21, 22, and 24 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-2, 8-20, 23, 25, and 26 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 6, 7, 21, 22, and 24 are objected to by the Examiner. Claims 1-26 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-20, 23, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable Applicant's Related Art (ARA) in view of Muramatsu (US 6,151,091).

The rejection of claims 1-5, 8-20, 23, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ARA in view of Muramatsu is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant submits that ARA and Muramatsu do not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims.

Claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display of horizontal electric field applying type having a combination of features including “a package mold material for capsulating the pads and the driving integrated circuit.” In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that ARA does not teach this feature, and cites Muramatsu as curing this deficiency. The Examiner states, “Muramatsu discloses a liquid crystal display panel wherein a driving integrated circuit (15) and the pads are capsulated by a package mold material.” Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s characterization of Muramatsu.

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singly or in combination do not teach or suggest each and every element of the claim, and that accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over ARA and Muramatsu.

Claim 17 recites a method for fabricating a liquid crystal display of horizontal electric field applying type including, “capsulating a pad connected with the driving integrated circuit with a package mold material”. Applicant submits that ARA and Muramatsu fail to teach or suggest this element.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 17, for the same reasons as claim one stating, “the method would have been at least obvious in view of the device.”

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Claims 2-5, 8-16, 18-20, 23, 25, and 26 depend respectively from base claims 1 and 17, and accordingly recite all of the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 2-5, 8-16, 18-20, 23, 25, and 26 are allowable over ARA and Muramatsu at least because of their dependencies from allowable claims 1 and 17.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 6, 7, 21, 22, and 24 being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant notes that claims 6 and 7 depend from claim 1, while claims 21, 22, and 24 depend from claim 17. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 17 are allowable over the cited references including ARA and Muramatsu at least for the reasons given above and that claims 6, 7, 21, 22, and 24. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to claims 6, 7, 21, 22, and 24 be withdrawn.

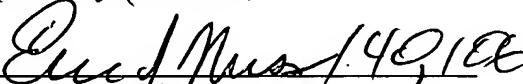
Applicant believes the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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